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Dear Members,

SABA-NJ is deeply saddened and horrified by the senseless shootings that occurred last weekend in Buffalo, New York and Laguna Woods, California. SABA-NJ strongly denounces such hateful actions which have no place in our country. In both instances, the perpetrators were motivated by hate against a group of individuals, solely based on their race and nationality. Ten lives were tragically lost in Buffalo and one in Laguna Woods. Countless others were impacted by these crimes and our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who were affected.

Racial and other hate-fueled violence must be vehemently condemned and there is no justification for causing physical harm to innocent persons. Every individual has the right to attend their place of worship or purchase groceries without the risk of being harmed. Indeed, these basic rights serve as the foundation of our society since its inception. SABA-NJ remains committed to promoting the interests of all persons, regardless of race and nationality and stands strongly alongside all impacted by these tragedies, including the African-American and Taiwanese-American communities. This violent extremism is antithetical to American values and our communities must do all in their power to ensure such tragedies do not occur again.

Sincerely,

Rachna B. Malkana, Esq.
President, SABA-NJ